

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to congratulate WCMT-AM 1410 Radio upon receiving the 2005 National Association of Broadcasters' Crystal Radio Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable businesses whose employees have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, WCMT Radio in Martin is one such remarkable operation which has made a considerable difference in the lives of the many Tennesseans who have the pleasure of experiencing the station's quality local news and entertainment broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, WCMT-AM 1410 Radio was recently awarded the 2005 Crystal Radio Award by the National Association of Broadcasters in recognition of its outstanding year-round commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, a 700-watt radio station, WCMT-AM 1410 has served the Martin community for forty-eight years through local, informative news broadcasting, acting as a catalyst for community unity, and providing a forum dedicated to public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the station assisted the search for a missing elderly Alzheimer's patient through breaking news coverage and has helped reunite thirty-two missing pets with their owners; and

WHEREAS, assisting numerous charitable causes and organizations, WCMT raised over \$6,400 for Weakley County's program for adults with developmental disabilities and \$60,000 to help cover medical expenses for aneurysm victim Johnny Jones; and

WHEREAS, committed to helping the less fortunate, WCMT's Can Caravan collected more than 17,000 pounds of food for the needy; and

WHEREAS, a four-time NAB Crystal Radio Award Finalist, WCMT Radio was named the 2004 Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success of WCMT Radio is directly attributable to the reliance of its owners and employees on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the staff of this estimable organization includes Julia Baltz, Chris Brinkley, Stew Byars, Blake Caldwell, Gary Capers, Jake Doster, Vic DuRall, Harry Gorman, Brad Hosford, Chuck Hammer, Amy Keathley, Cindy Prince, Misty Menees, Nina Morey, Jordan Tinkle, Jared Walters, and Barbara Wells; and

WHEREAS, 2005 Weakley Countian of the Year, Paul Tinkle is the President of Thunderbolt Broadcasting Company, which operates WCMT-AM 1410 and two other radio stations in Weakley County; committed to family and community, Mr. Tinkle has devoted his time and talents to make Weakley County's radio stations tremendous successes; and

WHEREAS, the staff of WCMT Radio is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate WCMT-AM 1410 Radio upon receiving the 2005 National Association of Broadcasters Crystal Radio Award and commend them for their many years of remarkable service to the good people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.